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# France May Explode H-Bomb This Year

By ISRAEL NEUMANN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Atomic affairs experts hinted yesterday that France may have a hydrogen bomb ready for explosion at the end of this year and that by 1965 they could produce some 100 H-bombs a year.

Defence Minister Pierre Messmer on Saturday night confirmed France's intention to build an atomic striking force based on rockets with atomic warheads, unless a universal agreement on disarmament permits it to convert its stock of fissionable material for peaceful purposes.

It is believed that France is using half her stock of plutonium on its first two explosions, but the Marcoule reactor is now producing 100 kilograms of plutonium a year, enough for eight bombs of "Hiroshima" size. France could thus without delay begin preparing a small stock of atom bombs and by 1965 become a full-fledged atom power.

### No Official Comment

There was no official comment here on Washington reports that explosion of the first bomb would not necessarily put her on a par with Britain in receiving nuclear information from the U.S.

Defence Ministry officials, while still silent about the scientific results of Saturday's blast, said yesterday that work was going on as usual at Reggan, where nearly 7,000 men have worked to build the test facilities and to carry out the test.

General Albert Buchalet, Director of Military Applications at the French Atomic Energy Commission and one of the "fathers" of the bomb, said in a television interview yesterday that Reggan represented a big investment for France. "It will be used again as soon as possible," he added.

### More Compact Bomb

The second bomb was understood unofficially to be a more compact, more usable military-type weapon which would consolidate France's membership in the nuclear club.

A prominent place among the fathers of the French atom bomb is held by Bertrand Goldschmidt, who in 1949 isolated and prepared the first grams of France's plutonium. The processes developed by M. Goldschmidt, who is now dir., made it possible to build the Marcoule centre for the production of plutonium. The centre supplied the fissionable material for Saturday's bomb.

During World War II, M. Goldschmidt participated in the Allied atom bomb project in the U.S. and Canada. Later he directed the chemical department of the French Atomic Energy Commissariat before assuming his present post of Director of the Commissariat's External Relations and Programmes section.

## TWO MEN KILLED AS PIT CAVES IN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NATANYA. — Two men were killed yesterday when the sides of the sewage pit in which they were working in El Yakhin village in Emek Hepher caved in.

Moshe Makhfud, aged 40, was digging a sewage pit for his house. He was being helped by Yosef Shuham, 36.

An acquaintance of the two men saw them in the pit early in the morning. Some time later he passed by again and noticed that the pit was filled in.

When he discovered later on that Makhfud was not at home, it occurred to him that there might have been a disaster.

The Natanya fire brigade and the police came to the site and, after working with a bulldozer for five hours, they found the two bodies.

It is reported that Makhfud did not have a permit to dig the pit and failed to take safety precautions.

The two men will be buried today. Makhfud leaves a wife and ten children and Shuham a wife and six children.

## 'K' Certain France Wants a Detente

NEW DELHI (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev said yesterday that he regretted France's atom bomb test, but he did not think it would adversely affect the Geneva talks on a nuclear test ban.

He told reporters he believed that the people of France and President Charles de Gaulle "want a detente and relaxation of international tensions."

Asked if the test would have an adverse effect on the Geneva talks, the Soviet Prime Minister declared: "I do not believe so, because I believe France and the people of France and General de Gaulle also want a detente and relaxation of international tensions."

Mr. Khrushchev was questioned by reporters shortly before he left by air for Bhilai, Central India, to see a steel plant which Soviet engineers are building for the Indian Government.

### 'Very Satisfied'

Asked if he was satisfied with his talks with Prime Minister Nehru, he said: "Very much so. Questions of strengthening of peace and the development of friendship between peoples are of concern to all human beings and individuals and to all political leaders, and we discussed all these matters with your Prime Minister."

He described the Sino-Indian border dispute as a "regrettable difference between our two friends."

*When newspapermen tried to approach the Soviet Prime Minister as he was about to board his plane, Soviet security men formed a ring round him and pushed them back. But Mr. M.R.A. Baig, India's Chief of Protocol, told the security men: "We are capable of looking after our guests."*

*Mr. Khrushchev smiled and told the security men to go away. Then he answered the newspapermen's questions.*

## Gronchi's Moscow Visit May Bring Gov't Down

ROME (Reuter). — Italy's precarious Christian Democratic Government was under heavy fire over the weekend from quarters which normally support it, following the visit of President Giovanni Gronchi to Moscow.

A stormy debate on the visit is expected in the Chamber of Deputies in the coming week.

On his return on Friday night from his five-day visit to the Soviet Union, the President said he had had useful and interesting talks in Moscow.

Opposition to the visit has reached a climax in the right-wing Monarchist and neo-fascist parties whose support keeps the Government of Professor Antonio Segni in a majority.

### Monarchist Outcry

In questions tabled in the Chamber, the Monarchists are asking, "By whom and within what limits was the Head of state authorized to enter into strictly political discussions." The neo-fascists asked what diplomatic moves were planned after statements during the visit by Mr. Nikita Khrushchev lauding Soviet superiority and accusing Mr. Giuseppe Pella, the Italian Foreign Minister, of "nationalism."

The Government is also under fire from the small but influential Liberal Party, which has threatened to reconsider its support of the Government if it continues to show what the party terms "its leftist trend." If any two of the Liberal, Monarchist, or neo-fascist parties withdrew their support of the Government, it would fall.

## 'Pravda:' Shah Dragging Iran 'Into Abyss'

MOSCOW (Reuter). — "Pravda" yesterday accused the Shah of Persia of dragging his country "down the road into an abyss" and urged him to "pull himself up before it is too late."

Persia, the newspaper said, was "rapidly becoming a semi-colony and military base of the imperialist forces."

The plight of the Persian people was daily becoming worse and the country's economy was being "sapped at the roots by the invasion of foreign — above all, American — monopolies."

"The Soviet Union has more than once warned Persian ruling circles that Persia will have to pay dearly for their complicity with colonialists. Experience has shown the full justice of those warnings," the newspaper said.

The newspaper called Persia's military pact with the U.S. "an act of treachery," and charged that Persia's rulers had "strained every nerve to aggravate relations with Russia."

### Claims Word Broken

The Shah's assurance that "Persia had never assumed or ever would assume any commitment against Russia" — his "word of a soldier" — has "burst like a soap bubble," it added, and Persian leaders were out to bargain as much as possible over their readiness to make their country a nuclear missile base.

"This display of myopic vision is surprising indeed," said "Pravda," because the Soviet Union "is known to have enough means to wipe out all these bases off the face of the earth should the aggressors dare to launch a war."

It said Russia was prepared to establish "good neighbourly relations" with Persia, but the Shah was "blinded by his hatred for Communism and bent on putting himself at the head of all reactionary forces in the Middle East."

## Sino-Soviet Ties Said 'Unbreakable'

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko said yesterday that if an air of realism prevails at the forthcoming summit conference, it will constitute a turning point in East-West relations and a great step in the consolidation of world peace.

In a "Pravda" article dedicated to the tenth anniversary of the Sino-Soviet friendship and mutual assistance pact, Mr. Gromyko said that after the U.S.S.R. and China surpassed in their development that of capitalist countries, it was clear to everybody that the positive influence exerted by Sino-Soviet cooperation will continue to grow.

"Pravda" also published messages exchanged by Mr. Khrushchev and Mr. Mao Tse-Tung, Chinese Communist Party chief, reaffirming the unbreakable friendship between the two countries.

The same issue carried a picture of Mr. Khrushchev sitting between Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Indian President, during his tour of India.

In fact, what is seen here as the Soviet leader's triumphal progress through India has been balanced in the past few days by equally triumphal assertions of Soviet-Chinese friendship, occasioned by the anniversary.

Mr. Mao's message is slightly sharper than that from Moscow in its condemnation of "imperialist aggressors and the policy of war." It contains a phrase describing the suggested breakdown of the Soviet-Chinese alliance as the "crazy, absurd dream of the enemies of peace."

## 'K' Greets Macmillan On 66th Birthday

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, in a birthday greetings telegram to Mr. Harold Macmillan, said the exchange of opinions they had during the British Prime Minister's visit to Moscow last year had turned out to be fruitful, Tass said yesterday.

Mr. Macmillan was 66 last Wednesday.

Mr. Khrushchev said the idea of holding talks and meetings at the highest level had been welcomed everywhere, and added that the present situation was one which could lead to new successes.

## Bevan 'Out of Action' For Some Months

LONDON (Reuter). — Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Deputy Leader of the British Labour Party, convalescing after a cancer operation, will be out of public life for "some months," one of his doctors said yesterday.

"Foreign Minister" in the Opposition's "shadow cabinet," Mr. Bevan, 62, is one of Labour's most colourful personalities.

He left a London hospital for home yesterday exactly seven weeks after an operation for an "abdominal complaint."

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## Cabinet Approves Revised Text Of Cabinet Responsibility Law

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

The Cabinet yesterday approved a revised text of the draft transition law on Collective Cabinet Responsibility which draws a clear distinction between the responsibility of a Cabinet Minister and that of his Knesset faction.

The original text, in the Coalition agreement that preceded the formation of the present Cabinet last December said that a vote by a Minister or his faction against a Cabinet decision would be considered as the resignation of that Minister from the cabinet.

At yesterday's Cabinet session the Minister of Justice, Mr. Pinhas Rosen, submitted a new draft of the law. The new version is in two parts:

1. A member of the Cabinet who votes in the Knesset against a Cabinet decision or abstains from voting without prior Cabinet consent shall be considered to have resigned from the Cabinet. The Prime Minister will inform the Knesset to that effect within seven days of such a vote.

2. If members of a Cabinet Minister's Knesset faction vote against a Cabinet decision or abstain from voting without prior Cabinet consent, and the Cabinet should decide within seven days of the vote that it constituted a serious breach of Cabinet responsibility, the Cabinet Minister shall be considered to have resigned from the Cabinet. The Prime Minister will inform the Knesset to that effect within seven days from the Cabinet decision.

### P.M.'s Announcement

In both instances the Minister's resignation is to go into effect with the Prime Minister's announcement.

Yesterday's Cabinet decision followed earlier discussions on the matter at the Knesset Law Committee and at last week's Cabinet session which dealt with three draft versions — one by Mr. Ben-Gurion based on the original formula, one by Mr. Rosen and the third by Mr. Zerah Warhaftig of the National Religious Party. The draft version approved yesterday was the result of consultations last week between Mr. Ben-Gurion and Mr. Rosen.

The definition in the law of the term "faction" was the main point in discussion. Some agreement was reached on the number of faction members present and voting against a Cabinet decision that would constitute a violation of collective Cabinet responsibility.

### Time Limit

Another new point in the revised version is the seven-day limit in which the Prime Minister must make the announcement in the Knesset. This period, it is understood, will enable the Cabinet to accept an explanation for a dissident vote without taking action against the Minister of the faction concerned. Should the Prime Minister choose not to make an announcement to the Knesset within seven days the explanation can be considered as having been accepted.

Mr. Rosen was authorized at yesterday's Cabinet session to work out the final legal draft of the law to be submitted to the Knesset Law Committee.

The official communique said:

At its weekly session on Sunday, the Cabinet

Heard the Chief of Staff report on the latest attack by the Syrians in the Hula region.

Heard the Minister of Defence, Mr. B. Lavon, review relations with Germany.

Approved the text of the transition law on collective responsibility of Cabinet members and their Knesset factions, which the Government will present to the Knesset Law Committee.

Appointed Dr. Haim Yahil as Director-General of the Foreign Ministry.

Appointed Dr. Yosef Nahmias as Director of the Information and Civic Education Services.

Approved the agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Hebrew University regarding the merger of the Ministry's Agricultural Research Station with the University's Faculty of Agriculture, and the establishment of an "Agricultural Institute."

## Yahil Director Of Foreign Ministry

The Cabinet yesterday approved the appointment of Dr. Haim Yahil as Director-General of the Foreign Ministry. The post was vacated when Mr. Walter Eytan was appointed as Ambassador to France.

Dr. Yahil, born in Czechoslovakia in 1926, came here at the age of 24. He became Director of the Foreign Ministry's Information Section in 1951, and the following year was temporarily appointed to the Hellenic Commission and served, deputy chief of the Israel delegation in Cologne. Dr. Yahil returned to the Foreign Ministry in 1954 and two years later became Minister to the Scandinavian countries. Last year he was appointed Assistant Director-General.

The appointment of Dr. Binyamin Eliav as Consul-General in New York was officially announced in Jerusalem yesterday. Born in Riga, Latvia, in 1928, Dr. Eliav came to this country in 1946. He became First Secretary of the Israel Embassy in Buenos Aires in 1955 and since 1958 has been with the Research Department of the Foreign Ministry.

It was also announced that Mr. Yaacov Avnon, Israel Consul in Los Angeles, has been appointed Consul-General in that city.

### FIVE WAR CRIMINALS EXECUTED IN UKRAINE

MOSCOW (AFP). — Five war criminals were executed by a firing squad after being convicted by a court in Lvov, Ukraine, on charges of having killed dozens of women, children and aged persons during the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine.

## Seek to Abstain On Military Rule

POST Political Reporter

The Progressive and National Religious Party Ministers at yesterday's Cabinet meeting expressed their intention to abstain in the vote on Military Government which should come up in the Knesset this week or next, both following two separate motions for the agenda by Herut and the Communists.

Both motions call for the abolition of Military Government, with Herut proposing a transitional period until full abolition, and the Communists demanding complete abolition immediately.

Mapam and Ahdut Ha'avoda are permitted to abstain on the issue and to make statements to the Knesset without further Cabinet approval, in accordance with the coalition agreement. The Progressives and the National Religious were not partners to this part of the coalition agreement.

### Acts as Liaison

The Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Rosen, who acts as a liaison between the Knesset and the Government, yesterday informed the Cabinet of the Progressive and the National Religious Ministers' intention to abstain in the vote on the issue.

The Cabinet did not take any decision on the request and it is understood that the matter has been referred to the coalition executive. The Progressives are believed to hold the opinion that they are also entitled to abstain in this vote under the coalition agreement without need for further Cabinet approval.

Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told the Cabinet he is to request the Knesset for the withdrawal of both motions from the agenda, since the security situation does not yet allow abolition of Military Government in Arab populated areas. Further relaxation of restrictions might be considered, however, pending improvements in the security situation.

# Nasser in Syria Repeats Threats against Israel

## Lashev Reports On Syrian Aggression

POST Political Reporter

The Chief of Staff, Brig. Ariel Hulai Lashev, reported at yesterday's Cabinet session on the latest acts of Syrian aggression in the Hula area.

The participation of the Chief of Staff at the Cabinet meeting is believed to indicate the grave concern with which the Government views Friday's Syrian attack on an Israel border patrol north of Ashmura, where two border policemen were killed and one wounded.

The attack followed the Syrian refusal to confer with Israel representatives on means to pacify the border and further disquiet the tension created by the Syrians since their aggression last month in the Hill Kassir area, south-east of Lake Kinneret.

Syrian forces on Friday exhibited the final point of their aggressive acts further north into the Hula valley region where their fortified military positions control a broad stretch of territory containing Israel settlements.

During the past two years the Syrians have transformed their villages along the international border into strongly fortified positions which now form a continuous chain of military strongholds from Galabiya, east of Ashmura, in the south, through Tel Hilal, Ein Tina and Darbashia, points east of Ganot, in the north.

Government spokesmen did not comment on the Lashev report and the subsequent brief Cabinet discussion.

But political quarters in Jerusalem stressed that the continuous Syrian abuse of the Demilitarized Zone may require Israel reconsideration of the status of such areas.

The Israel Minister in Paris, Mr. Shmuel Meidav, also reported to the Cabinet on relations between Israel and Germany.

## Reaffirms 'Positive Neutralism'

Abdel Hakim Amer, who is also Vice-President and Commander of the Syrian region, and Ali Sabri, Minister for Presidential Affairs.

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(Cairo Radio, Reuter)

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### Force Reduction

Although Nasser managed to win him to get everything his own way in Egypt, he will meet with considerable difficulties in Syria. All Amer's efforts to enlist the support of prominent Syrian politicians to serve in the Cabinet have failed, while Colonel Sarraj, Director General of the Syrian region, seems fully aware of the dangers of surrendering his own power to Cairo.

Nasser must also be aware of the strong feeling among the Syrian people against the presence of the Egyptian troops.

Nasser may also be discussing with Amer and Sarraj the proposed reduction of the Syrian forces.

It remains to be seen whether Nasser will succeed in persuading Amer to agree to such a reduction. Nasser may also be discussing the current crisis in the Arab League Council in order to arrive at a decision on what to take about it.

## Chilean Envoy to U.N. Threatened as Jew

NEW YORK (Reuter). — Three men grabbed Chile's way into the New York consulate in the U.N. Secretariat building and threatened to shoot the Ambassador if he did not comply.

But they left after he said there did not be had was data.

The Ambassador said that while the men were threatening him one asked "Are you a Jew?" When he said he was, the bandits exclaimed "Let's have you say 'Hail Hitler.'"

Mr. Ambassador stated and the bandits made his English "Hail Hitler" and then the Nazi salute twice before they left.

## Explosions on Syrian Side of Border

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Two series of muffled explosions on the Syrian side of the border were heard here yesterday—at 1.15 p.m. and 4.15 p.m.—accompanied by clouds of dust and smoke. Unusually heavy traffic was also observed on the other side of the frontiers.

It is assumed that the Syrians are building fortifications and trenches, necessitating the blasting of rocks.

A brush fire was started on the Syrian side, but did not spread to Israel territory.

### MOROCCAN PREMIER DUE IN ROME TODAY

ROME (UPI). — Moroccan Premier Abdallah Ibrahim is due here today for a four-day State visit to exchange views with Italian leaders on world affairs.

## League Council Still Marking Time, But 'Progress' Claimed

CAIRO. — Chief delegates to the Arab League Council meeting held their ninth and tenth secret sessions in a Cairo hotel yesterday, but no new date has yet been fixed for the plenary session of the meeting, which has been postponed because of differences over the agenda.

For the first time, the Cairo press yesterday reported considerable progress of the chief delegates' meetings, in so far as they had completed recommendations for a United Arab Plan to "counter Israel plans to divert the waters of the river Jordan."

The newspapers said these recommendations, together with those concerning "Palestine," would be submitted for approval when the Council met in plenary session.

The newspapers said the chief delegates had been considering ways and means of recognizing the "Palestine people and preserving their personality and entity."

### Refugee Organization

They said the discussions had revolved around the creation of organs representing the refugees in each Arab state. These organs would be incorporated in a single body, connected with the Arab League, and would make an "effective contribution toward the restoration of Palestine."

In Amman, Prime Minister Hazza Majali told reporters after a Cabinet meeting that reports from his Foreign Minister, Musa Nasser, in Cairo say the discussions are "fairly good and that understanding is prevailing."

He denied a report which appeared in the Cairo daily "Al Ahram" to the effect that Musa Nasser may fly back to Amman for consultations.

In Beirut, the English-language "Daily Star" reported that the chief delegates had agreed in principle that any fresh move by Israel to divert the Jordan waters would be resisted by force even if this led to war. The newspaper, in a dispatch from its Cairo correspondent, added: "An ultimatum to this effect will be issued by the League Council to the U.N. and Israel."

(Reuter, Amman Radio)

## 2nd Iraqi Communist Party Changes Name

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — The Iraqi Communist Party headed by Zaki Khairi has applied to change its name to "Jabhat Sha'ab" (People's Unity) Party, the leftist evening newspaper "Al Istiklal" reported yesterday.

The party, which has not yet received a licence, has applied for a change in name because the Government has already licensed another Iraqi Communist Party, headed by Daud al Sayegh.

The Government is now reported to be considering amendments made to the internal regulations of Khairi's group, considered the "orthodox" Communist Party.

The Knesset Speaker and Deputy Speaker announce the unveiling of the tombstone of the late
YOSEF SPRINZAK
FIRST KNESSET SPEAKER
The ceremony will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 1960, at 11 a.m., on Mount Herzl, in the presence of the President of Israel.
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This week's Interview with Mrs. Leah Schwarz of Rothschild Boulevard, Tel Aviv.
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## Social & Personal

The President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi on Saturday night entertained at their home in Jerusalem the Circle for the Study of Contemporary Judaism of the Hebrew University, which is led by Prof. Moshe Davis.

The President yesterday received Mrs. Sarah Kugel, Dr. Z. Sternbach, Mr. Shmuel Hacohen-Weingarten, Mr. Haim Barlass and Mr. Yehuda Erez, who presented him with a copy of the book "Carpatho-Russia" which is dedicated to the memory of the late Mayor of Holon, Dr. Haim Kugel, who died in 1953. Dr. Kugel had helped to found and headed a network of Hebrew schools in the Carpatho-Russian region before coming to settle in this country in 1939.

The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday entertained to dinner Mr. Yosef Weitz, of the Jewish National Fund Directorate, and Mrs. Weitz. The President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday received three representatives of the Fruit Growers Association of the labour settlements, Messrs. Baruch Shatil of Kibbutz Dalia, Yosef Goren of Kibbutz Ma'ayan Zvi, and Dov Portnoi of Kibbutz Givat Brenner, who presented them with fruit on the occasion of Tu bi'Shvat.

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The employees, staff and management of the Shimshon Palestine Portland Cement Works Ltd. have inscribed the name of Mr. Serge Karlinski, of London, in the Golden Book of the Keren Kayemet on the occasion of his birthday, and the Certificate was handed to him yesterday.

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A group of French agriculturalists, led by Père M. Beaudet, visited the Wizo Hanna Maisel-Shohat agricultural school at Nahalal yesterday.

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The French Ambassador, M. Jean Bourdeillette, will open an exhibition of the Otto Sonnenfeld collection of French 19th and 20th century paintings at the Cultural Foyer of the French Embassy in Tel Aviv at 5 p.m. today.

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Mr. S. Ben-Porath will address the Kishon Rotary Club today on "With a Government Commission in Poland and Hungary." The meeting will take place at 1.20 p.m. at the Ahavah Children's Home in Kiryat Bialik.

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Dr. Cecil Sims, Visiting Lecturer in Social Medicine in the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, will lecture on "Nutritional Problems in Africa", at 8.15 tonight, in Lecture Hall "A", Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School.

## Trenton U.J.A. Group On 12-Day Visit

LYDDA AIRPORT. — A nine-member U.J.A. mission from Trenton, New Jersey, arrived here by El Al yesterday for a 12-day visit.

The group, which is the second U.J.A. mission to tour Israel prior to the spring U.J.A. campaigns in America, is led by Mr. Arnold Norman, who is a member of the Community Leadership Group. The Mission comprises Mr. and Mrs. Norman Deitz; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lehman; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rosenthal; Mr. and Mrs. Norman; and Dorothy Saas.

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# Haifa Draft Budget Up IL2.5m., But Contains No New Taxes

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER, Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA.—An IL25 million Municipal budget for 1960/61, was proposed to the Town Council by Deputy Mayor M. Fliman last night. The draft, which is IL2.5m. higher than the current budget, foresees no increase in any municipal taxes or rates.

This will be the third year running that the council is not raising rates. But a IL500,000 "sewerage fee" will be introduced, subject to Interior Ministry approval.

The fee will come to about IL10 a year a family, and will go towards the cost of the sewage purification plant, scheduled for completion next year. It will also cover the emptying of cesspools; until now this has been charged for.

The higher budget will be covered by the growing number of rate-payers; freezing of services at their present level; greater Town Hall efficiency and improved tax collection.

Mr. Fliman said that three criteria had guided the City executive in not raising rates. As no cost-of-living allowances had been approved during the year, wage earners would not willingly pay higher rates.

It was felt unfair to increase the burden of the rate-payers who settle their bills regularly, while others (who constitute about 15 per cent of the rate-payers) who were not paying their full assessment, would benefit. It had therefore been decided to make an extra effort to collect all taxes due and all arrears. This would yield at least IL 1.25m.

Finally, the Executive wanted to enable businessmen and industrialists to stabilize their expenses, and thus to encourage them.

### Taxes Frozen

With taxes frozen, it would be impossible to extend or improve services, except education. The Town Hall staff would also remain at its present strength.

Mr. Fliman announced that for the first time the water supply would yield a surplus. Negotiations over the Municipality's taking over this service from the Mt. Carmel supply company were in an advanced stage, and would be completed shortly.

Discussing the Carmelit subway, Mr. Fliman said that its income during the new year was estimated at IL1.05m., based on the present volume of traffic. This would suffice to pay the IL530,000 annual operation cost and interest of IL500,000 on the IL11m. investment. But, although the subway was doing better than had been predicted, its income would leave no reserve for repaying the principal.

The year's repayment would therefore have to come from additional loans. He stated that the Carmelit fares would go up on March 1, together with bus fares.

Allocations for debt repayments had been hiked by IL1.3m. to IL5.43m. The Town Hall would seek a IL950,000 consolidation loan for short term debts.

The draft will be debated at the next session.

### Haifa Budget At a Glance

- Rates and services frozen.
- Annual IL10 sewerage fee.
- Higher Carmelit and bus fares.
- Improved rate collection.

# Subway to Remain Closed on Sabbath

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Executive of the Municipal Council has decided not to initiate any effort to bring about the operation of the Carmelit subway on Saturdays, *The Jerusalem Post* learnt from a Town Hall source yesterday.

(When the Council voted not to operate the subway on the Sabbath, at the time the subway was opened shortly before the elections, the Mayor said that a final decision would be taken by the post-election Council.)

It was learned that the new view on Sabbath operation was prompted by economic considerations. Experts have estimated that the very much higher Sabbath operation costs (employees' wages) would barely cover the anticipated passenger volume. It is pointed out that on Saturdays there would be few passengers before 10 a.m.

### Rest for Subway

At the same time, the City Engineer has expressed the opinion that the subway needs a day's rest every week for maintenance operations. The Sabbath is considered the most suitable day, as it could at the same time solve the problem of the objection to Sabbath traffic by the Orthodox groups.

While the Executive will not initiate the subject, it is expected that the left wing opposition factions will insist on such a debate.

The Executive is also understood to have decided that the Town Hall itself will take over the subway management in the near future. At present, Carmelit is nominally run by a company established by the Council for the purpose. But this system has been found impractical. With the Sabbath operation question out of the way, there would seem to be no obstacle to direct Town Hall management.

50,000 DECIDUOUS fruit trees, mainly apple and pear trees, have been planted this season in the Hula Valley. By April, 10,000 citrus trees will be planted from saplings supplied by the Upper Galilee Region Nursery.

# C'ttee to Discuss J'lem Bus Subsidy

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Jerusalem Municipal Council yesterday appointed a two-man committee to meet with the Controller of Road Transport to discuss the question of restoring the full Government subsidy to the Hamekasher bus cooperative.

Should the subsidy not be restored, bus fares will rise by one *agora* on most routes and two *agora* on those to Corridor settlements, such as Mevaseret Yerushalayim.

The committee which will confer with Mr. Michael Barr consists of Mr. M. Zar, M.K., and Rabbi Shear-Yeshuv Cohen.

The Council yesterday debated the possibility of an increase in bus fares in the capital should the Ministry of Transport go ahead with its decision to cut the subsidy to the bus concerns from an average of 18 per cent to 10 per cent. Mayor M. Ish-Shalom told the meeting that Hamekasher has improved its services but that there was still room for improvement.

**The first 20 street lamps were turned on in Rehov Ruppin last night, and it is expected that the work of installing the rest of the lights will be finished soon. About one-third of the road is now illuminated.**

The Council also discussed the bad physical state of several schools and steps which should be taken to improve the situation.

## Where to go

**JERUSALEM**

• **Lectures:—**
Prof. Nathan Rotenstreich, Dr. Leo Goldberg and Mr. Moshe Basok will discuss Prof. Dov Sidan's new book on S.Y. Agnon, Beit Hillel, 8.45 p.m.

• **Music Lecture:—**
"Chopin's Mazurkas" — Mr. Jerome Loewenthal, Rubin Music Academy, 8.30.

• **Round Table Discussion:—**
"The Abstract and the Figurative in Art" — Miron Sima, Bezalel Schatz. Beeri Club, 9 Alharizi, 8.30.

• **Tours:—**
Spend a morning with Hadassah on a conducted tour starting 9 a.m. Book for this tour by phoning 4061, Hadassah Club, Strauss Health Centre.
Hebrew University: Conducted tour in English, at 12 noon, daily, New University Campus.

• **Exhibitions: —**
Artists House: 10-1, 4-6. Paintings by Shmuel Schiesinger, Miriam Bartov. Collage paintings by Ella Raavoni.
Safrai Art Gallery, 37 Jaffa Road, Tel. 43737. Est. 1935. 8-1, 3-7. Friday 8-2. New exhibition: paintings by Eva Sharf. All purchases mailed upon request.

• **Bezalel National Museum:—**
Permanent exhibition of Jewish Ceremonial Art: Archaeological objects. Primitive Art, Contemporary Japanese prints and posters. Dutch paintings from the Museum's collection. 9-1, 2.30-5.
Department of Antiquities, 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Special exhibitions: Tel Gath excavations, Chalcolithic ossuaries from Asor. Also permanent exhibition. 9-1, 3-5.

• **Zoo: —**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 9-6.

**TEL AVIV**

• **Theatre:—**
Habimah: "Twelve Angry Men", 8.30.
Camerl: "Twelfth Night," 8.30.
Ohel: "One More River", 8.30.

• **Yiddish Musical:—**
"My Gal" — Benzion Witler, Shifra Lerer. Ohel Shem, 8.45.

• **Dine and Dance:—**
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• **Tourist Service: —**
Visit Hadassah Club, 99 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 28330.
Wizo Club, 61 Rehov Hayarkon, Tel. 26325, 8 a.m.—2 p.m.

• **Zoological Gardens: —**
Open 8 a.m.—6 p.m. daily.

• **Exhibition: —**
Modern Art in Israel. Painters and Sculptors Association, Hamlin House, 10-1, 4-7.
Annual Exhibition of Israeli Art-binstein Pavilion, 10-1, 4-7.
African Primitive Art: statuettes, masks, implements, from collection of Mr. Sam Dubiner (over 180 exhibits). Helena Rubinstein Pavilion, 10-1, 4-7.
Ancient Glass Exhibition, Museum Ha'aretz, near Ramat Aviv, 10-5.

• **T.O.A. House: —**
Jazz Club, 8.30.
Tourist Service, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**HAIFA**

• **Tourist Centre:—**
Hadassah Club, Youth Aliya Offices, 23 Hehalutz, Tel. 67065.

**HERZLIYA**

• **Spanish Entertainers: —**
Luisillo and his Spanish Ballet Theatre, Tiferet, 9 p.m.

## ON THE AIR

**FIRST PROGRAMME**
373, 256.4 & 249 M.

**News: Hebrew:** 6.30, 7.00 and 7.55 a.m.; 1.30, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00 and 11.00 p.m.
**English:** 2.00 p.m. **French:** 2.15 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Religious Service (R). 6.37 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.17 Morning Melodies. 8.00 Close Down.
11.00 a.m. Popular Concert: Delibes: Excerpts from "Coppelia"; Albeniz: Sevilla; Dvorak: 6 Slavonic Dances. 12.00 Women's Programme. 12.30 Lunchtime Music. 1.00 "First Broadcast" Ilana Engel (Cello) & Varda Yisraeli (Piano). Corvetto, Beethoven - Stutchevsky, Schumann. 1.30 Messages to Immigrants. 1.45 Where to Go? 1.50 Light Music. 2.30 Close Down.
4.30 Special Foreign Language Programme. 5.05 Requests for Hebrew Songs. 5.35 Torah Lesson. 6.00 Youth Corner. 6.30 Oriental Songs. 7.30 Hebrew Songs. 7.35 The Week at the Cinema. 7.50 Announcement of Kol Yisrael Programmes. 8.00 "Jazz Personalities" — Benny Goodman. 8.20 "On the Agenda." 8.30 Bible Reading: Yirmiyahu, Chaps. 17 & 18. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 "Curtain Up." 10.15 Light Music. 10.30 A Glimpse at Israel. 10.35 Quiet Tunes. 10.45 The Week at the U.N. 11.10 Close Down.

**SECOND PROGRAMME**
466, 197, 422.5 & 35.1 M.

**IMMIGRANTS' HOUR.** 6.15 Polish. 6.30 News in Easy Hebrew. 7.00 French. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Talmud Lesson. 8.30 Chamber Music: Mozart: Quartet in C ("Dissonances"), played by the Fine Arts Quartet (Recorded at the Wise Auditorium in Jerusalem). 9.00 Ladino. 9.30 Rumanian. 9.45 Hungarian. 10.00 News in English. 10.15 Close Down.

**ARABIC PROGRAMME**
491 & 41.7 M.

**Arabic Programme** (including News): 6.30-7.15 a.m. 1.15-2.15, 5.30-11.15 p.m.

**KOL YISRAEL LAOLA** (32.8 M.). **Programme to the U.K.:** 10.30 News. 10.40 Songs for Tu bi'Shvat.

**Programme to South Africa:** 6.15 News. 6.25 Songs for Tu bi'Shvat.

**ARMY PROGRAMME** (218, 225 and 285 M.). 6.00 Opening. 6.03 Request Programme. 6.45 "Pleasant Tunes." 8.00 Announcements. 7.30 News. 7.10 "Star of the Evening." 7.25 Requests for Classical Music: Works by Bellini & Mendelssohn. 8.00 "Army's Diary." 8.30 Songs & Melodies. 9.00 News. 9.15 "Merry Rhythm." 9.30 "Evening in Paris." 10.00 Evening Tunes. 10.30 Close Down.

**BBC NORTHERN BROADCASTS** (30.96, 25.12, 19.76, 19.46 & 16.84 M.): 7.15-7.45 p.m. News, News Comment, Arts Chronicle.

**MUSIC U.S.A.: VOICE OF AMERICA.** English Programme: 5.00 and 6.00 a.m. News, U.N. Week on 31 and 41 M.; 7.00 a.m. News, Youth Speaks or In the Author's Words on 31 and 41 M.; 8.00 a.m. News and Commentary, Report to Europe on 31, 41, 49 and 258 M.; 9.00 and 10.00 a.m. News, the American Journal on 16, 19 and 31 M.; 3.00 p.m. News, Report to South Asia on 11, 13 and 19 M.; 4.00 p.m. News and Commentary, Magazine Review on 11, 13, 16, 19 and 31 M.; 6.00 p.m. News and Commentary, Report to Near East on 19, 25 and 31 M.; 9.00 p.m. News, U.N. Week on 11, 19, 25, 31 and 41 M.; 7.00 p.m. News, Report to Near East on 13, 19 and 25 M.; 7.30 p.m. Listeners' Log on 13, 19 and 25 M.; 8.00 p.m. News, Report to Africa on 19 and 25 M.; 8.30 p.m. Forum (Chemistry) on 19 and 25 M.; 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. Special News, Music U.S.A. on 19 and 25 M.; 11.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Commentators' Digest on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M.; 11.30 p.m. Forum (Chemistry) on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M.; 12.00 p.m. News, Raymond Swing Analysis, Commentators' Digest on 25, 31, 41 and 238 M.

**CYPRUS BROADCASTING SERVICE.—English Programme** (434 & 476 M.): News: 7.30 a.m. 2.00, 7.00, 11.00 p.m.

7.45 a.m. The Coca Cola Programme. 8.00 Melodies & Memories. 8.30 Housewives' Choice. 9.00 Miniature Concert. 9.30 Strange Last Words. 9.45 Piano Playtime. 10.00 The Melody Dance Band. 10.30 Edmundo Ross. 11.00 The Final Year. 11.15 Light Music. 11.30 Women's Magazine. 12.00 Mid-day Melodies. 2.15 p.m. "The Name is Shane." 2.30 Monday Matinee. 6.45 The Lanitia Programme. 7.15 I Love a Mystery. 10.00 Confidence Man. 10.15 Stars of Song. 10.35 Pursuit.

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## Ring Around the Moon Said Quite Impossible

AMSTERDAM (Reuter). — Two Dutch mathematicians are reported to have proved that it is impossible for a man-made satellite to go into orbit around the moon.

Their calculations, which have lasted over a year, were said by the Amsterdam newspaper "Algemeen Handelsblad" to "prove beyond any doubt" that a missile orbiting round the moon cannot escape a small deviation due to the earth's gravitational force.

Because of this, after a few revolutions it would either crash on the moon or disappear into outer space, the report added.

## Olympics May Be Free Of Flags, Anthems

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuter). —The International Olympic Committee (I.O.C.) is to "examine the desirability" of not using national flags and anthems at future Olympics, Mr. Avery Brundage, the committee's American president, said here on Saturday.

Mr. Brundage, speaking at the formal opening of the I.O.C.'s 56th session, said: "It might be better to use a fanfare of trumpets instead of national hymns in the victory ceremonies, and when the Olympic flag is raised at the opening of the Games, perhaps all national flags should be lowered.

"Contestants in the Olympic games should come simply as sportsmen and not as representatives of a country." Mr. Brundage added:

"We keep out of politics. Why don't politicians keep out of sport?"

SOME ARAB families in the Beisan valley are concerned about reports of Bahrein's refusing to handle mail to and from Israel, since they have families there with whom they correspond regularly.

# New Group To Oppose Goren

By a Special Correspondent

The "independent and non-party" organization of rabbis and *dayanim* (religious court judges) which was founded in Petah Tikva on Thursday night is apparently intended to mobilize the country's Ashkenazi religious leadership against the election of Aluf-Mishne Shlomo Goren, the Chief Chaplain of the Israel Defence Forces, as Chief Rabbi.

Rabbi Goren is opposed by most of the leadership of the National Religious Party and the country's veteran rabbis not on personal grounds — his scholarship and religiosity are not questioned — but because his election would represent a victory for the Minister for Religious Affairs, Rabbi Ya'acov Toledano, and the circles supporting the Minister.

The N.R.P. and the Chief Rabbinate have been quarrelling with Rabbi Toledano since he agreed to become Minister after the N.R.P. members left the Cabinet in 1958 over the "Who is a Jew?" issue. The party and the Rabbinate had then decided to boycott the Government till the issue was settled to their satisfaction. Rabbi Toledano was accused of being a "traitor" because, as Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Tel Aviv, as he then was at the time of the Cabinet crisis, he had — tacitly at least — participated in the decision of the Rabbinate.

## Disease Strikes At Export Potato Crop

ACRE. — Blight has struck winter potato crops planted in the Negev for export, according to Vegetable Growers Association sources here yesterday.

The yield is consequently expected to be much less than originally estimated.

## SATURDAY'S ENGLISH SOCCER RESULTS

**LEAGUE I:** Birmingham City v. Burnley postponed; Blackburn Rovers 2, Manchester City 1; Blackpool 2, Arsenal 1; Bolton Wanderers 1, Notts Forest 1; Chelsea 4, Fulham 2; Everton 0, Wolves 2; Luton Town 0, Sheffield Wed. 1; Manchester United 1, Preston North End 1; Tottenham Hotspur 1, Leicester City 2; West Brom. Albion v. West Ham United postponed.

**LEAGUE II:** Bristol Rovers 3, Stoke City 1; Cardiff City 6, Lincoln City 2; Derby County v. Charlton Athletic postponed; Huddersfield Town 1, Sunderland 1; Hull City 1, Rotheham United 0; Leyton Orient 0, Aston Villa 0; Swansea Town 2, Brighton 2.

**LEAGUE III:** Bradford City 0, Bournemouth 0; Coventry City 0, Accrington 1; Grimsby Town 3, Wrexham 1; Norwich City 2, Brentford 1; Shrewsbury Town 1, Southend United 3; Southampton 3, Halifax Town 2; Swindon Town 1, Chesterfield 1.

**LEAGUE IV:** Chester 0, Crystal Palace 1; Crewe Alexandra 4, Bradford 1; Doncaster Rovers 1, Gateshead 0; Hartlepools United 2, Stockport County 1; Millwall 3, Barrow 3; Northampton Town 3, Darlington 1; Notts County 2, Watford 1; Southport 1, Gillingham 1; Torquay United 2, Aldershot 1; Walsall v. Exeter City postponed; Workington 2, Rochdale 0.

## LYDDA FLIGHTS

**MONDAY**

**ARRIVALS:** El Al 408, from Istanbul — 1625. El Al 702, from Teheran — 1745. El Al 303, from Nicosia — 2040. T.W.A. 800 from New York, Paris, Geneva, Rome and Athens — 2230. Sabena 537, from Brussels, Vienna and Athens — 2345. K.L.M. 527, from Amsterdam and Munich — 0025. Air France 192, from Paris and Rome — 0135.

**DEPARTURES:** El Al 701, to Rome, Vienna and Munich—0800. Swissair 333, to Athens, Geneva and Zurich — 0700. Olympic 615, to Nicosia and Athens—0810. El Al 405, to Istanbul — 0900. Alitalia 453, to Rome — 1050. El Al 301, to Nicosia — 1730. El Al 101, to Kano, Leopoldville and Johannesburg — 0045.

Prepared by Civil Aviation Dept.

## Actions Speak Louder Than Songs

NAPLES (Reuter). — The male lead of the opera "Il Trovatore" drew his sword Saturday night to attack a critical spectator.

The incident occurred in Naples Opera House as tenor Franco Corelli and Soprano Fedora Barbieri were acknowledging applause. A young Neapolitan fan kept shouting for Corelli to retire so he could cheer Miss Barbieri alone.

Suddenly, Corelli took the sword out of its sheath, jumped off the stage and rushed, shouting, at the spectator, whom he began to hammer on the chest.

Duty firemen and ushers separated the combatants, and the opera was resumed after a half-hour delay.

## Woman Crushed By Boulder

ACRE. — A 42-year-old woman villager, who was digging earth near a boulder was killed instantly on Saturday when the rock came loose and crushed her underneath.

The woman, Mrs. Zina Said Murad, of Kavul village in Lower Galilee, was trying to collect soil for her garden.

## Cinemas

**JERUSALEM**

**ARNON:** Valerie.
**EDEN:** The Badlanders.
**ORION:** En cas de malheur (Love is My Profession).
**OR-GIL:** Le désir même les hommes.
**ORNA:** The Oregon Trail.
**RON:** Rose at the Top.
**SEMADAR:** The Bridge on the River Kwai (Evenings).
**ZION HALL:** Padri e Figli (Fathers and Sons).
**TEL OR:** Maniac — la fille sans voile.
**EDISON:** Auntie Mame.
**STUDIO:** Chase a Crooked Shadow.

**TEL AVIV**

**ALLENBY:** Ice Cold in Alex.
**ARMON DAVID:** Auntie Mame.
**CHEN:** The Defiant Ones.
**EDEN:** Forced Wedding.
**ESTHER:** The Mating Game.
**GAT:** Les quatre cents coups.
**HOD:** La nuit des espions.
**MAXIM:** Love and Sacrifice.
**MIGDALOR:** Proche de jeunesse.
**MOGRABI:** The Last Angry Man.
**OPHIR:** Nuits d'Europe.
**ORION:** The Chinese Wall.
**PEER:** Hiroshima, mon amour.
**SHDEROTH:** La Violetera.
**TAMAR:** Rita.
**TCHELET:** The Cranes Are Flying.
**TEL AVIV:** Beloved Infidel.
**YARON:** Party Girl.
**ZAMIR:** Rasoumitcho.
**ZAFON:** I Want to Live.

**HAIFA**

4, 6.45, 9
**ARMON:** Destiny of a Man.
**EN DOR:** The Deerslayer.
**ORLY:** The Furry Pink Nightgown.
**ORAH:** Across the Bridge.
**AMPHITHEATRE:** The Best of Everything.
**ATZMON:** Pot Bouille.
**MIRON:** La Violetera.
**MORIAH:** Pal Joey.
**GAL OR:** The Guns of Fort Petticoat (Evenings).
**PEER:** Heroes of Kilimanjaro.
**TAMAR:** Yambao.
**ORION:** Just My Luck.
**MAY:** The Trap.

## Cables in Brief

VETE'AN.— Austrian Chancellor Julius Raab has informed an extraordinary congress of his Conservative People's Party of his resignation as Party Chairman. Raab, 68, said the time had come for the leadership of the party to be taken over by younger people.

HISTADRUT.—Dr. Sol Stein of Philadelphia has been appointed Executive Director of the U.S. National Committee for Labour Israel (Histadrut appeal) succeeding Dov Biegun, who resigned in November. Dr. Stein has been for 19 years director of the Jewish National Fund in the Philadelphia area.

## 300 Youths Serving Here for Year

Twenty-five groups totalling 300 young persons have arrived in this country for their Year of Service (Shnat Sherut), the Youth and Hehalutz Department of the Jewish Agency reported yesterday.

Two hundred are from England and the remainder from six European countries. The youngsters will serve in Usha and Hasollelim, studying Hebrew for six months and becoming acquainted with life in the settlements and the country.

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MUNICIPAL TAXPAYERS SETTLING THEIR DUES IN TIME HELP TO DO AWAY WITH THE SECOND SCHOOL SHIFT

At its first meeting on December 13, 1959, the Municipal Council announced its step by step plan for doing away with the second school shift throughout the city.
In his speech at this meeting, the Mayor said that it was hoped to solve this problem within the next two years. The spectacle of 225 second shift classes (11,000 children) and the burden inflicted on long-suffering mothers would become a thing of the past.
On January 24, 1960, the Municipal Council decided on the publication of tenders totalling IL8,000,000 for the construction of new schools.
THE TEL AVIV-YAFO MUNICIPALITY
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## Today's Postbag

### The Weather

FORECAST: Partly cloudy, mainly with high clouds.

Weather Synopsis: Barometric ridge extending from Russia to east Mediterranean is causing fair weather in our region.

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| Tiberias | 24 | 20 | 17 |
| Haifa Port | 26 | 11—22 | 11—22 |
| Natanya | 27 | 10—26 | 10—24 |
| Tel Aviv Kiriya | 24 | 8—21 | 8—23 |
| Tel Aviv Port | 27 | 10—20 | 10—21 |
| Lydda Airport | 27 | 4—22 | 5—23 |
| Jerusalem | 17 | 4—11 | 5—19 |
| Beersheba | 21 | 8—22 | 8—23 |
| Eilat | — | 9—27 | 9—28 |

*A: Humidity at 9 p.m. B) Temperature range till yesterday evening C) Temperature range forecast for last night and today.

### ARRIVALS

Mr. Alan Kemper, President of the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York, and Mrs. Kemper, for a week's tour under the auspices of the U.J.A. (by B.E.A.).

Dr. Leo Davidoff, Lecturer in Neurosurgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, to lecture and perform operations at Tel Hashomer Hospital (by B.E.A.).

Dr. Ya'acov Robinson, a member of the Israel Delegation at the U.N. and Co-ordinator of Research for the Jewish Claims Conference, to carry out a two-month assignment with Yad Vashem.

Mr. Fred Monosson, of Boston; for a ten-day visit (by Air France).

### DEPARTURES

Mr. David Tanne, Director of the Housing Department of the Ministry of Labour, for consultations with prospective housing investors in Europe and the U.S.

Mr. Menahem Porush, M.K., to participate in Agudat Yisrael conferences in the U.S. and Canada (by El Al).

## Greek Parliamentarian Here on 10-Day Visit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Greece and Israel have much in common and both are striving for good relations with their neighbours, Mr. Gregorios Cassimatis, the Greek parliamentarian and the first active Greek politician to visit Israel, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Mr. Cassimatis, accompanied by his wife, is here on a 10-day visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry and the Israel-Greece Friendship Society.

A former Minister of Public Works, Mr. Cassimatis said he was impressed with the pioneering progress of the State which had started on its road to development "from zero."

He termed the detention in the Suez Canal of the Greek ship Astypalea, because she carries an Israel cargo, a "private affair" which did not concern his Government. But he stated that it was in the U.N. that Israel must fight this problem.

Mr. and Mrs. Cassimatis yesterday were tendered a reception by the Greek Diplomatic Representative, Mr. Pavlos Pandermalis, at which guests included the Speaker of the Knesset, the Ministers of Justice and of Labour, the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, and members of the Diplomatic Corps. The Israel-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce and the Israel-Greek Friendship Society also held a reception at the Eden Hotel. Earlier, Messrs. Cassimatis and Pandermalis were received by the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. David Horowitz.

## De Gaulle Thanks B-G For Congratulations

President Charles de Gaulle has sent a cable thanking Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion for his message congratulating the French President on his January 29 television address calling on the French insurrectionists in Algeria to surrender.

"I was deeply moved by your message expressing your solidarity and that of the Israel nation with respect to the problems now confronting France," General de Gaulle said. "In the name of the French nation, I thank you sincerely for this expression of sympathy."

## Victim of Syrian Shooting Buried

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HADERA. Gideon Shagan, 21, the Israeli killed by Syrians in the north on Friday, was buried with military honours here on Sunday. He was one of two men killed and one wounded when an Israel patrol was fired on north of Ashmura.

Thousands of local residents attended the funeral, and Mayor Y. Wideker and a military chaplain eulogized Shagan. He is survived by his parents, a brother and a sister.

# Cuts Mooted in Electricity Tariffs From March 1

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Price cuts for electricity for domestic uses were yesterday discussed by the Ministerial Economic Committee and referred to a sub-committee. If approved they will go into effect on March 1.

The main cut proposed is of 1.8 agoro per k.w.h. for all consumption above 47 k.w.h. per month. The new rate will be 7 agoro per k.w.h. compared to the present rate of 8.8 agoro. The rate for the first 47 k.w.h. per month remains the same.

The basic rate, which is calculated according to the size of the flat, is also to be reduced; but no details were given at yesterday's press conference with the Minister of Development, Mr. Mordecai Bentov, whose Ministry recommended the cuts.

### Encourage Consumers

The express purpose of the cuts is to encourage consumers to use more electricity, and thereby make fuller and more efficient use of the Palestine Electric Corporation's generating capacity — which at present is unevenly used at various times of day.

The P.E.C. has also prepared proposals under which consumers will be able to use an unlimited amount of current for heating water during night hours for a set fee.

The Managing Director of the P.E.C., Mr. Ya'acov Peled, who was also present at the meeting, revealed that the company was also considering a plan under which it would provide easy payment terms for the purchase of new model electric cooking equipment. He said that these plans would provide retailers of such equipment with additional credit. The company's collectors would also collect monthly payments on the equipment at the same time that they collect payment for electricity bills.

Mr. Bentov admitted that the P.E.C. expected to lose about IL800,000 in income during the first year following the introduction of the new rates, but he hoped that rising current consumption would transform this into an additional annual income of IL2m. within five years.

### Industrial Users

Power for especially big industries will also be cheaper, according to the new rates. Plants using over 400,000 k.w.h. of current monthly will pay only 1.65 agoro per k.w.h. for all current used over 400,000 k.w.h. per month, instead of 1.85 agoro per k.w.h. as at present.

This rate will be conditional on the plant's working at least two shifts a day in order to make use of a good part of the current in non-peak hours. It was explained that this, in effect, constituted an additional premium for industries working mainly for export.

# Nenner Testifies on Financial 'Dodges' in Ben-Ephraim Case

TEL AVIV. — The former Mayor of Eilat, Mr. Hanoch Nenner, testified yesterday that the difficult financial condition of Eilat during his term led him to approve certain financial manoeuvres. These included inflating municipal business tax assessments to serve as a "bargaining" basis with large firms, and the deliberate sending of cheques that lacked one signature in order to give the local treasury a breathing space until the cheque was returned.

But, said Mr. Nenner, he had never asked the Municipal Treasurer, Zvi Ben-Ephraim, to get money from private sources. And while he might have asked Ben-Ephraim to sign various documents on his behalf, he had never asked Ben-Ephraim to sign his (Nenner's) name.

The former Mayor was testifying at the preliminary investigation of Ben-Ephraim, who is accused of forging a IL2,500 cheque and 11 notes for IL1,000 each. The investigation is being held before District Court Judge E. Malchi.

### Reply to Questions

In reply to questions put by the defence counsel, Mr. Nenner said that Ben-Ephraim began his term as Municipal Treasurer in February 1957 and continued in this post until the day of his arrest at the beginning of June 1959. His job was mainly getting taxes from large firms, loans from various Ministries and other grants.

The Local Council had several times discussed the possibility of turning to the private market in order to raise desperately needed funds, said Mr. Nenner. But apart from what the witness described as "small loans" from such persons as the owners of two local hotels — which were returned several days later — the idea of applying to private sources was rejected.

On the other hand, said the former Mayor, one method of getting money was to inflate business tax assessments. "In certain cases, Ben-Ephraim would inflate the assessment of a company like 'Afikei Neft.' This was done with my agreement. It was a question of bills amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds which were inflated in order to carry on negotiations. During the negotiations, the tax was reduced," said Mr. Nenner.

In answer to another question, Mr. Nenner recalled that a man named Isaac Taylor had visited Eilat. It was possible that Mr. Taylor had presented the city with a gift of securities. It might have been that the securities were returned by the bank because they had not been endorsed, continued Mr. Nenner. But, said the witness sharply, "It certainly was not I who signed on behalf of Mr. Taylor, although the money for the redeemed securities was received by the Municipality."

Mr. Nenner went on to say that on many occasions he gave Ben-Ephraim blank cheques. At the beginning, he used to check up on the transactions that followed this procedure. "But when I saw that one fiscal year had passed with everything in order, I stopped checking up on his activities."

The witness said he had always signed the cheques or receipts which Ben-Ephraim passed on to him. "I had complete confidence in Ben-Ephraim," said Mr. Nenner.

### Tenth Anniversary

On the question of the Tenth Anniversary celebrations in Eilat, Mr. Nenner said that the original Municipal budget had been IL4,000. This had been raised to IL27,500, with the knowledge of the Minister of Interior. In the end, the Municipality had spent IL50,000. The witness said he knew Ben-Ephraim had complained that he could not find all this money. But, said Mr. Nenner, he did not know that Ben-Ephraim had decided to employ the services of a Haifa businessman, Shraga Fixler, in order to get the money on the free market.

Fixler is charged with carrying out the forgeries together with Ben-Ephraim.

The Municipality would sometimes post cheques with only one signature in order to win a breathing space, the witness stated. But the forged IL2,500 cheque was not intended by Ben-Ephraim as a means of getting a "small loan."

Mr. Nenner's testimony continued at a second session in the afternoon to enable him to take an evening plane en route to the U.S. where he will work to promote private investment in Israel, in the framework of a new investment programme of the Ministries of Development and of Commerce and Industry.

A temporary injunction was issued last week against his departure at the request of a Tel Aviv resident who stated that he held notes totalling IL2,000 signed by Mr. Nenner, in his capacity as Mayor. The injunction was cancelled yesterday, with the agreement of both sides, since the Eilat Municipality has obligated itself to honour any decision taken by the District Court against Mr. Nenner in connection with this debt.

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## 3rd. Anniversary of New Nazareth Quarter Feted

NAZARETH. — The week-long celebration of the third anniversary of the founding of the Jewish quarter of Upper Nazareth was launched yesterday with the opening of an "Exhibition of Achievements" at the new Histadrut building there.

All the institutions, organizations and industrial and business enterprises which have participated in the development of the new quarter are represented in the exhibition, which was opened by Aluf Mordechai Limon, in charge of Economic Planning for Emergency at the Ministry of Defence. Among those present at the ceremony were the Mayor of Nazareth, Mr. Seif e-Din Zuabi, the Secretary of the Government, Mr. Katriel Katz, Councillors and representatives of Municipal departments.

## Romek Remanded In Extortion Case

TEL AVIV. — The complaint of an inhabitant of the village of Abu Ghosh in the Jerusalem Corridor that he had been kidnapped and tortured has led to the detention of several persons who had allegedly been engaged in various criminal activities.

Reuven "Romek" Greenberg, who had been wanted by the police for several days, was arrested on Friday and remanded in custody for 15 days at Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday on suspicion of forgery.

Also detained by the police, on suspicion of having kidnapped and tortured Mohammed Abu-Salim, from Abu-Ghosh, were Ben-Zion Sivvili, Moshe Yungstein and Shlomo Bernstein.

# New Voters' List On Display Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The updated voters' list for 1960-61 goes on display today in 940 rural and urban centres throughout the country which have their own polling stations. It contains 34,000 new names among the 1,352,000 citizens who would be eligible to vote if elections were held before May 9, 1961. The preceding list included 900 voting centres.

Under a law passed by the Knesset last autumn, the list will be similarly brought up to date each year, it was explained at a press conference yesterday by the Deputy Minister of the Interior, Dr. I. S. Rosenberg, the Inspector-General of Elections, Mr. M. Zilan, and Mr. M. Shochatman, in charge of the Ministry's Registration Section.

The list includes some 300,000 amendments to the 1959—60 edition — largely changes of name, address and family status. Together with the list, a booklet giving the location of the country's 2,471 polling stations will be issued.

Should the Knesset be dissolved before its four-year term expires, six copies of the list — kept in a safe at the Ministry in Jerusalem — will be sent to the Central Elections Committee, which will now be able to organise new elections within one to two months, instead of requiring some 10 months as hitherto.

## Soldiers Welfare C'ttee Opens Lottery Today

TEL AVIV. — Three hundred valuable prizes, including five latest-model cars, will be offered in the annual lottery of the Soldiers Welfare Committee which will be launched with the purchase of the first 100 tickets by Mrs. Rahel Ben-Zvi at Beit Hapaami in Jerusalem today.

Sale of tickets will continue until the end of May, and the lottery will be drawn on June 7. Distribution of prizes will take place two weeks later. Organizers of the lottery are hopeful of selling 500,000 tickets this year, compared with the 1959 figure of 266,000.

Prizes include five Westinghouse refrigerators, five washing machines, 40 transistor radios, electric razors, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, among other items.

Mr. Yosef Baratz, Chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Committee, announced yesterday that the prizes were donated by individuals and various organizations in England, France, the U.S. and Mexico.

*(Itim)*

# Herzl Shekels for Ben-Zvi's

The shekel campaign, in preparation for the Zionist Congress scheduled for next December in Jerusalem, was ceremoniously opened yesterday when the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were presented with the first two "Shkalei Herzl."

The festive presentation was made in Beit Hanasi by the Chairman of the Jewish Agency, Mr. Salman Shazar. It was also attended by the head of the Organization Department, Mr. Zvi Lurie; the Chairman of the National Shekel Committee, Mr. Haim Crispin; and other Agency officials.

Mr. Shazar stressed the symbolic significance of the presentation of the first two shekels to the President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi during the centennial year of the birth of the "father" of the Jewish State, Theodor Herzl. He said it was hoped that a million shekalim would be sold in Israel.

The President expressed his joy at receiving a "Herzl Shekel" and said he still remembered vividly the preparations made for the First Zionist Congress. Mr. Ben-Zvi recalled two representatives were then sent from his birth-place, Poltava, in Russia.

Mrs. Ben-Zvi remarked that after her 55 years of Zionist activity, a "Herzl Shekel" was the most pleasant gift she has received. She recalled events since the death of Herzl, and her reminiscences at a delegate to the Seventh Congress — the one which said "No to Uganda."

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## Tree-Planting In Negev Wilderness

Thirty eucalyptus trees were planted yesterday on a bleak hillside in the heart of the Negev by the staff of the second relay station of the Beersheba-Eilat radio-telephone line. The ceremony, celebrating the twelfth Tu bi'Shvat since the establishment of the State, also marked the final testing of the radio-telephone connection with Ein Yahav, which will soon be linked to the national network.

In Eilat, 312 parents each planted a tree in the "Eilat Children's Forest" in honour of their youngsters who were born since Tu bi'Shvat, 1958. No trees were planted in 1959 because that was a *Shmittah* year — the agricultural Sabbatical year during which, under Jewish law, no planting is allowed. In the morning, all the town's school and kindergarten children participated in planting ceremonies.

On Mt. Zion in Jerusalem, hundreds of children and tourists participated in a tree-planting ceremony in the special grove set aside for this purpose.

In Jerusalem today, 2,800 eight-grade students will march in the Capital's traditional Tu bi'Shvat parade. The procession will set out from the Municipality Square and continue up Jaffa Road to Binyanay Ha'oома, whence the children will be driven to Mt. Herzl for a tree-planting ceremony.

# Class Marks Submitted Before Exams Would be Considered

Jerusalem Post Staff

The war over matriculation examinations yesterday was concentrated on whether the secondary school teachers would submit their pupils' classroom marks before examination time in three months.

Reporting to the Cabinet yesterday, Minister of Education Zalman Aranne declared that class work could be taken into account only if the teachers resumed submitting such records to school managements.

At the same time, a spokesman for the teachers, asked whether they would submit marks before the exams, said the question had never been discussed by the Association, but he predicted the entire dispute would end before the examinations take place, with the Ministry granting the teachers recognition.

Ministry sources said the announcement about matriculation examinations was made in order to warn the public of the consequences of the continued refusal of secondary school teachers to submit their pupils' grades.

### Ministry Announcement

The Ministry last Thursday announced that owing to this aspect of the teachers' campaign of non-cooperation, examination results would not take into account pupils' class work, known as "protective grades."

The crisis was discussed in Jerusalem yesterday between Mr. Aranne and the Presidium of the Secondary Schools Union (a body representing private and public secondary school managements, excluding municipal schools).

Meanwhile, eighth grade pupils have issued an appeal to the teachers and to the Ministry to take immediate steps to end the conflict, which has made them into "unwanted."

In Tel Aviv, the Secondary School Teachers Association described the Ministry's action as a "step to unnerve pupils and their parents in order to harm the teachers." Mr. I. Elnekave, the Chairman, said teachers have already forwarded all material concerning matriculation to the Ministry in accordance with regulations, in order not to cause harm to eighth grade pupils. The Ministry should take this into consideration and not adopt any drastic steps, he added. He said the teachers would discuss the question of class work with the "utmost consideration" for the pupils' interest.

Since marks must be forwarded by May, there can be a change in the situation by then, it was indicated.

Meanwhile, Mr. H. Kossowsky, Chairman of the National Parents Committee, charged both the Ministry and the Teachers Association with waging a "war of principles" at the expense of secondary school pupils. He said the Committee tomorrow will hold a national convention to decide on practical measures to be taken to safeguard the pupils' interests.

## General Pay Rise For Teachers Seen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Guri Committee, appointed by the Government to examine the salaries and working conditions of both elementary and secondary school teachers, is expected to recommend substantial pay increases for all teachers for the coming school year. The increases may cost the State between IL50m. and IL80m.

The Committee is now meeting more frequently, and has promised to submit its report by April. It is not dealing with the organizational dispute, which is the main cause of the high school teachers' non-cooperation campaign.

The projected increases would not be retroactive to this term — still covered by the two-year contract between the Ministry and the Histadrut's Teachers' Union — as has been demanded by the secondary school teachers. The Committee, which meets in camera, is also likely to recommend far-reaching changes in schoolteachers' working schedules, with the aim of improving the quality of teaching. The prevailing method of fixing teachers' salaries, with automatic increases, might also be revised so as to reward real merit, and improve standards of education.

### Interim Pay Rise

Though still deliberating, the Guri Committee has already made one recommendation. It recently proposed to the Ministry and to the Teachers' Union that interim pay increases be awarded now to unqualified elementary school teachers.

This category includes some 4,000 out of a total of 18,000 elementary school teachers.

The Teachers' Union will hold an emergency meeting on Wednesday to discuss a suggestion to hold a one-day strike to press this wage claim.

The unqualified teachers demand that wage increases be retroactive from September 1959, and that salary increases of IL4 to IL6 be granted to teachers on the basis of seniority.

## Tiberias Mayor To Offer Resignation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — Mayor M. Cohen will offer his resignation to the Tiberias Town Council this week, it was learned here on Sunday. He is to give the reasons for his step at the coming meeting of the Council, on Wednesday.

# Unified Agriculture Institute Approved

The Government yesterday approved a draft agreement uniting into one body the Agricultural Experimental Station of the Ministry of Agriculture at Beit Dagan and the Faculty of Agriculture of the Hebrew University. It will be called the "Agricultural Institute," and will be jointly administered by the Ministry and the University.

All higher education activities in this field, as well as basic and applied research will come within the new framework. Priority will be given to research projects on Israel agricultural problems that will be proposed by the Ministry. Parallel departments in each of the present institutions will be merged.

A 17-man Board of Governors for the Institute will be appointed by the Minister of Agriculture and the President of the Hebrew University for a term of five years. Members of the Institute's Executive will include the Dean of the Agriculture Faculty and the Director of the Experimental Station.

The purpose of the Institute is to eliminate duplication in agricultural research and to exploit efficiently the scientific resources of the Faculty and the Station.

## New Venezuelan Minister Due Here

The new Venezuelan Minister to Israel, Mr. Vicente Gerbasi, was due to arrive last night with Mrs. Gerbasi. He will be received today by the Minister for Foreign Affairs. On Thursday, he will present his letters of credence to the President.

Mr. Gerbasi, 47, a journalist and poet, has served as Cultural Attache in his country's Embassies in Columbia, Cuba, and Haiti, and as Consul in Geneva. During 1958, he was his country's Ambassador to Haiti.

Two other distinguished guests from Venezuela were due to arrive last night for 10-day visits. They are Ambassador Mariano Picon Salas, Venezuelan representative to UNESCO and a leading figure among Latin American writers, who is coming as a guest of the Government; and Mr. Jose Gonzales Navarro, Chairman of the Trade Unions in his country and a member of the Accion Democratica, who will be a guest of the Histadrut. Both visitors are accompanied by their wives.

## Britannic Arrives For 2-Day Call

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Winter sunshine on Sunday afternoon greeted the arrival of the Cunard Liner M.V. Britannic, bringing 418 tourists, mostly Americans, for a two-day visit. Another 78, who are now touring Lebanon and Jordan, are due to rejoin the ship here after crossing into Israel through Mandelbaum Gate.

The Britannic, which opened this year's luxury liner season, is on a 66-day Mediterranean cruise. She arrived from Alexandria and is going on to Cyprus. Her cruise director reported that during the vessel's three-day call at Egypt, none of the Jewish passengers had any trouble in going ashore.

Many of the tourists are going on excursions through the country. On Sunday night a Haifa children's troupe presented folk dances and songs on board.

## POST, Haifa Port Treat Border Village Children

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A hundred children from villages on the Lebanese border on Sunday celebrated a belated Hanukka, together with Tu bi'Shvat, by courtesy of The Jerusalem Post by food and the Haifa Port Authority. The youngsters, aged 10 to 12, were from the new immigrant villages of Shlomi, Ya'ara, Goren and Avdon. The treat had originally been arranged for Hanukka, but was postponed then because of rain.

Yesterday, The Post, the Port Authority, the Police and the Rehovot here — who provided buses — reduced their "rain checks."

The happy youngsters were received with bags of sweets by the Port's public relations department. Then they were taken on an exciting 40-minute trip through the Port and to the Kishon Harbour, aboard the fire-boat Cobalt.

The day was topped by a glimpse of the big M.V. Britannic, which arrived just as they were ready to leave for home.

INDUSTRY FINANCE and COMMERCE

# Eshkol Tables IL 1,574m. Budget in Knesset Today

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

The 1960/61 draft budget, totalling IL1,574,200,000, is to be tabled in the Knesset this afternoon by the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol.

Mr. Eshkol will divide his explanatory remarks into three parts: a prognosis of economic development for the coming fiscal year; explanatory remarks on the draft budget itself; and an analysis of expected economic development for the coming five years. This latter part of the speech is to be based on the "five year plan" prepared by the Bank of Israel's Research Department and the Ministry of Finance Budget Bureau under the direction of Prof. Hollis Chenery, of Stanford University.

The main feature on the income side of the draft budget is a projected increase of IL116m. in income from direct and indirect taxes and from various fees. The proposal for this item in the draft budget totals IL600m., compared to IL484m. in the previous budget.

Estimated revenue from income tax is given as IL285m., compared to IL235m. in the previous budget. The expected increase in tax collection, however, will have to be much greater than the IL47m. gap between these two figures as the planned income tax liberalization for subsidy income brackets is expected to result in an IL18m. loss of income for the Treasury. The Treasury will therefore have to collect an additional IL65m. in income tax to reach its new goal.

### Indirect Taxes

Indirect taxes, too, are scheduled to bring in a much higher revenue. Income from customs are expected to grow from IL196m. to IL224m. This is based on an expected growth in the volume of imports as well as on higher customs tariffs on various items.

Another source of increased income is the estimate for receipts from National Insurance payments, which has been raised from IL40m. to IL45m. This is on the assumption that the proposal to raise the premium payments by 1.5 per cent will be approved.

On the expenditure side, the regular budgets of the ministries remain more or less the same, except for the Ministries of Education and of Social Welfare whose budgets have been raised. On the other hand, the overall Development Budget has been cut from IL322m. to IL222m.

The main "casualties" in this budget are the housing programme, which has been cut from IL160m. to IL80m., and the Ministry of Development's mineral extraction and processing plans, which have been cut from IL37m. to IL12m. The allocation for the Jordan waters scheme has been raised, however, from IL5m. to IL8m.

As was reported last week, the Knesset is not expected to complete consideration of the draft budget by the March 31 deadline and in all likelihood an interim budget will also be tabled which will include the income side of the main draft budget and a proportional part of the expenditure side.

### Supplementary Budget

Mr. Eshkol has also announced previously that if and when income is assured from certain foreign loans now being negotiated, he will table a supplementary budget. This refers mainly to the hoped for loan from the World Bank for a series of development projects. Many other development projects which have hitherto relied exclusively on the Development Budget for financing will have to depend in the future on finding suitable financing from foreign loans and investments.

Debate on Mr. Eshkol's budget speech will begin in the Knesset next week. The Finance Committee, however, will begin consideration of the details of the budget simultaneously with the debate on the first reading in the House.

## Car Parts Exported For Gogomobile Autos

TEL AVIV. — The Government on Friday authorised the export of [illegible] worth of automobile pistons and brake bands to the Hans Glas company of Germany, in exchange for Gogomobile cars. Mr. Ya'acov Berger, Managing Director of the Isaria company, told the press on Sunday.

The imported Gogomobile cars can still be purchased only with foreign currency, the models ranging in price from $812 to $[illegible].

During a press tour with the Gogomobile through Galilee, Mr. Berger disclosed plans by Isaria to set up a Gogomobile assembly or production plant in this country. The company, set up by Jewish investors in South America, Germany and Israel, has presented to the Government plans for an assembly plant with an original investment of IL200,000 and IL350,000. It requires no Government participation or loans, Mr. Berger said.

## Moushine to ILO Post in Argentina

Jerusalem Post Reporter

LYDDA AIRPORT. — Mr. David Moushine, Director of the Israel Institute of Productivity, left yesterday for a two-year mission to advise the Argentine National Institute of Productivity in Buenos Aires. Mr. Moushine was invited through the International Labour Organisation by Mr. Carlos Alberto Burundarena, President of the Argentine Institute who visited this country a year ago.

As the first head of technical assistance in Israel, Mr. Moushine is familiar with what he terms "the receiving end" of technical assistance. During his stay in Buenos Aires, he will advise the Argentine Institute on administrative matters, on training and supervising. The Argentine Institute was founded two years ago.

A TOMATO sorting and packing plant, fitted with the most up-to-date equipment, has been set up in Beisan by the Agricultural Export Company. The pick of the crop is being exported.

## Tel Aviv Stock Market

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Orders concerning the keeping of business accounts, effective as of April 1, 1960, have been issued by the Income Tax Commissioner, in his, [illegible] of Income Ordinance, dated January 1, 1960.

These orders shall apply to the following categories of businesses:

(a) Merchants, manufacturers, artisans and service firms employing six or more persons, of whom annual turnover exceeds IL[illegible] — or IL[illegible] if the major part of the company's business consists of the sale of goods not of its manufacture.

(b) Licensed agents whose annual commission exceeds IL[illegible].

(c) Independent agents who annual turnover from the sale of their services exceeds IL[illegible].

These new orders regarding the keeping of business accounts shall apply to the categories indicated above, in addition to any other provisions orders already published.

E. Shochatman, Deputy Income Tax Commissioner.

Notice to the Public

JOINT LOANS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES (FIRST ISSUE)

Notice regarding an additional payment in connection with the Participation of the owners of the [illegible] Loan to the C.o.I. Index

Further to the Notice of October 27, 1959, regarding the adjustment of original indexes following the introduction of the Consumers' Price Index which includes fruit and vegetables;

and on the basis of the said index, for the month of January, 1960, corresponding to 100 points, as published by the Central Bureau of Statistics on January 15, 1960;

It is hereby notified that the differences will be paid, as follows:

To holders of registered debentures:

Payment will be made by cheque which will be sent by post, at their risk, to the holders, to the addresses appearing in the Loan Register as at [illegible] 1, 1960.

To owners of Bearer Debentures (Series "Dan"):

Payment of differences due to them will be made immediately on presentation of coupon No. 18 which contained the payment of the linked value when the debentures was issued.

ADMINISTRATION OF JOINT LOANS TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

AIRMAIL STAMPS SERIES

The Post Office Authority announces its intention to commence the issue of the first airmail stamps of the first denominations of 35, 40 and 60 agorot respectively, on February 24, 1960.

As from the above date, the above stamps will be on sale at all local post offices and at stamp shops, the Philatelic Bureau, Tel Aviv, the Jerusalem Post Office, Tel Aviv.

Details concerning sale of the new stamps and days that operate on the day of issue, as well as the continued sale of stamps after the day of issue, are posted on the notice boards of all local post offices and postal agencies.

Both stamps and first day covers were designed by Mr. Frieda Horn, of Tel Aviv.

## Witnesses Against Nazi Criminal Sought

West Germany has asked Israel to obtain statements from witnesses concerning the former activities of Dr. Hubert Gies, now being held in Germany.

Dr. Gies served as an S.S. commander during the war, and was active in the Protectorate of Bohemia-Moravia. He is charged with the erection of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, a crematorium, as well as responsibility for liquidation of the village of Lidice, the site of the hand mass of French, maidens Governor of Czechoslovakia, who was sentenced to death at the Nuremberg Trials.

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# SYMBOL OF ACHIEVEMENT

YESTERDAY'S ceremony at which the President and Mrs. Izhak Ben-Zvi received the first two shekalim for the elections to the forthcoming Zionist Congress was full of fateful symbolism. To state the bare facts is to review in bright perspective the most momentous events in the last six decades of Jewish life. The **shekel**, in ancient times was the small sum which every Jew in the Land of Israel and the Diaspora used to pay as a sacred duty for the maintenance of the central sanctuary in Jerusalem. As such it was an important source of revenue for the ancient commonwealth of Judea and the practical demonstration of the unity of Jews throughout the world. It was therefore by a brilliant inspiration, when the World Zionist Organization was brought into being by Theodor Herzl in 1897, that the **shekel** was revived as the token of membership.

In those early days, the revenue from the sale of **shekalim** formed an important item in the budget of the organization. Today it is merely a symbolic amount. There are many who claim that it is now only an irritating formality subject to party manipulations and machinations, and that the need to buy it before one can vote for delegates to the Zionist Congress is an obstacle to the wider growth of the Zionist Organization.

Be that as it may, and the matter will once more be debated before the Congress at the end of this year, it is particularly fitting that the place of the **shekel** should be stressed now, as it is being associated with the centenary of the birth of Theodor Herzl. For him the **shekel** was the key to the whole conception of the practical organization of the revival of the Jewish nation. In Congress he gave an impressive and dynamic form to the concept of Jewish unity; and in the **shekel** he embodied his certainty that, after the wealthy Jews of the world had rejected Zionism, the Jewish State would be financed and built by the **shekalim** of the masses of Jewry — even impoverished Jewry — who would be fired by the movement.

His was the true vision. It was mainly the poor Jews in indigent Eastern Europe who scraped their kopeks together to buy a **shekel** and play their part in the Zionist Movement. Those Jews a few years later denied themselves much in order to club together to buy the first vital shares in the Jewish Colonial Trust, which was the first financial instrument of the World Zionist Organization. It proved it was basic to the whole conception of the growth of a Jewish State that there first had to be created out of the inchoate masses of Jews dispersed in disorganized ghettos throughout the world a people grouped together purposefully on the road to statehood.

Yesterday's ceremony was deliberately designed to stress the centenary of Herzl and the part he played in rebuilding Jewish nationhood. How rich indeed is the symbol of a President of the State of Israel inaugurating the centenary of the birth of the founder of the movement which produced that State. But if we are to be true to the spirit of Herzl we, too, must go on from symbolism to practicality.

Herzl never envisaged a static and fixed form for the Zionist Organization. He saw it as an instrument capable of organic growth and continuous adaptation to meet new needs and changing conditions. One hopes that those who today represent the succession to Herzl will derive this first lesson from his teachings. One discerns a tendency to make symbols ends in themselves and to look upon organizational forms as sacrosanct and not merely as a living means to an end. Herzl will be betrayed if, in this centenary year the movement does not — to use his own phrase — "conquer the communities"; this means it must rally wider and wider circles of Jewish life in the effort to promote all that is meant by Jewish nationhood.

PARIS LETTER

By William Millinship

# A-BLAST FOR INDEPENDENCE

PARIS (OFNS). — FIFTEEN years after the Americans, 10 years after the Russians and seven years after the British, the French have exploded their first atomic bomb.

The French nuclear device is an important step on the road to military self-reliance that General de Gaulle has mapped out.

In one respect de Gaulle may claim to have fathered the bomb. His provisional Government stipulated that the Atomic Energy Commission set up in October 1945 should prepare the country for the use of nuclear energy in the fields of science, industry and *national defence;* but in fact the bomb is the product of the Fourth Republic, another proof of the continuity that lay beneath the political confusion of the period.

Immediately after the war the French were in no position to pay much attention to the military applications of atomic fission. In 1939 they had been leading the world in nuclear research, six years later they were lagging far behind the other great Powers, not only scientifically but in technical know-how and industrial capacity. Nevertheless, their first experimental reactor, ZOE, began operating in December 1948.

In 1951 the Government approved a five-year plan drawn up by M. Felix Gaillard, then Secretary of State for Atomic Energy. It provided for the construction of a new atomic centre at Marcoule, near Avignon, with two large reactors (G1 and G2) and a chemical separation plant for extracting plutonium from the spent fuel elements.

### Brilliant Physicist

The project was slipped through Parliament in 1952, its military aspects unnoticed.

From this point the bomb was largely in the hands of two men: Francis Perrin, the brilliant physicist, who in 1951 replaced Professor Joliot Curie as High Commissioner for Atomic Energy, and M. Pierre Guillaumat, who became administrative head of the Commission the same year.

Francis Perrin is a short, talkative man, now 58, with a straggly beard, pale eyes and a mop of black hair. He was brought up in an atmosphere of science and socialism, which determined his career and political beliefs. His father, Jean Perrin, was a Nobel Prizewinner for physics and, for a time, Minister in Leon Blum's Popular Front Government.

While still in his thirties, Francis Perrin made an important contribution to French research on nuclear chain reactions and was the obvious successor to Professor Joliot-Curie (removed because of his strong Communist sympathies) as scientific head of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Perrin is a staunch Socialist but did not allow politics to interfere with his work. He was never enthusiastic about a French bomb, but was resigned to developing it.

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Scruples of this kind did not deter M. Guillaumat, Minister-Delegate to the Prime Minister and until the other day Minister of the Armed Forces. His attitude to the bomb is simple: nuclear weapons are essential to the defensive armoury of a great Power.

### Mendes-France's Interest

Unlike Perrin, Guillaumat has no political affiliations apart from his personal loyalty to General de Gaulle. A tall, handsome man of 50, he is the son of a general, but was ill at ease as Army Minister. He is too cynical and honest to be capable of rousing patriotic speeches full of what he calls "political folklore." He is often sarcastic in private, and, not surprisingly, unpopular with the Army. In public he is reserved, and fights shy of publicity.

Guillaumat is one of the professional public servants who have always exerted great influence behind the scenes in France. As Director of Fuel after the war, he played an important part in the early efforts to prospect and exploit the Saharan oilfields. He is the perfect technocrat. He works between 12 and 14 hours a day, and has no time for anything else, least of all politics — the type of discreet administrator who, as Cabinet Minister under the new regime, is content to leave major policy decisions to President de Gaulle and see that they are carried out.

His attitude was the same at the Atomic Energy Commission. As long as the political decision to stop work on the bomb was not taken, it was his duty to see that preparations went ahead. This he did vigorously, overriding the objections and hesitations of the scientists, and most of the Fourth Republic Governments were satisfied to let the work continue. M. Mendes-France, however, showed more interest, and in 1954 set up a secret liaison committee between the Atomic Energy Commission and the Ministry of Defence to follow nuclear weapon development.

The next important political step was taken by M. Guy Mollet during the negotiations on the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) when he refused to commit France exclusively to a peaceful atomic development. He merely promised that France would not explode a bomb until January 1, 1960; hardly a concession since he knew the French scientists and engineers would take about four years to produce the plutonium required. M. Guillaumat was chairman of the group of experts who drafted the Euratom treaty, and he successfully resisted attempts to turn the organization into a non-nuclear club.

### De Gaulle Undeterred

In 1958, the Government of M. Felix Gaillard, the last of the Fourth Republic, ordered the active preparation of nuclear tests. When General de Gaulle returned to power a few months later he had only to confirm the decision. Convinced that nuclear weapons were essential to policy, he decided France must have her own nuclear striking force.

In France itself there has been very little real opposition to the bomb. Public opinion seemed unperturbed, and the furore of criticism in the British Press last year appeared to most Frenchmen as unparalleled hypocrisy. Even those in favour of suspending tests felt that the Saharan explosion was worthwhile since it would allow France to participate fully in negotiations with the other nuclear Powers.

The total price of an adequate atomic deterrent — perhaps 100 bombs — is difficult to calculate, but estimates put it at over £2,000m. including the development and production of bombs and means of delivery. British officials say privately that the United Kingdom, again faced with the choice of forging a deterrent or not, might well be deterred by the cost.

General de Gaulle is willing to pay the price of military — and political — independence.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

## After Tawafik

**Herut** writes that the Government continues to give the impression that Jewish blood is cheap by failing to follow up the Tawafik action by a political offensive. Now the enemy has merely shifted the scene of action a bit to the north to continue his attacks and leave us to bury our dead.

The same paper congratulates France on joining the world "atom club", adding that the test explosion is an important contribution toward the balance of power in the world and, by depriving dictators of their extortionist power, will increase the prospects of general peace.

**Lamerhav** (Abdut Ha'avoda) writes that General de Gaulle, by his persistent intent, has restored his country to her place among the leading nations of the world and earned her an indisputable place at the coming summit conference. But the Sahara explosion will only make a nuclear tests ban more remote.

The same paper is also gratified with General de Gaulle's expression of friendship with Israel, coming as it does when he is at the peak of his strength. Yet it seems that France's Premier and Quai d'Orsay do not see eye to eye on the practical implications of that friendship, the latter considering it more expedient to surrender to the blandishments of the Arab boycott committee.

**Yediot Ahareonot** also greets France's achievement which has enhanced her prestige.

## Readers' Letters

### IMMIGRATION TO CANADA

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In today's issue of *The Jerusalem Post*, it is reported from Afula that 10 families are being converted to Christianity as a step to immigration to Canada. In order that the persons concerned and the readers of *The Jerusalem Post* in general should be under no misunderstanding, I wish to state categorically that there is no religious discrimination in the Canadian Immigration Act. The religious affiliation of an applicant for immigration to Canada has no bearing whatsoever on his admissibility.

Yours, etc.
*B. MARGARET MEAGHER*
*Ambassador of Canada*
Tel Aviv, February 10.

### JUBILEE BOOK

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

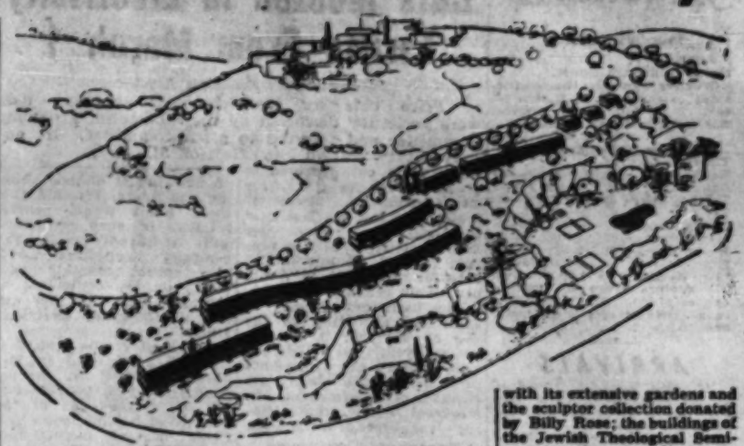
Sir, — The Association of Friends of the Hebrew Gymnasium, Jerusalem, is preparing a Jubilee book to mark the school's 50th anniversary. All former pupils, teachers and friends are requested to send articles, stories, memoirs, photos and any other suitable material to the editorial board, P.O. Box 7015, Jerusalem.

Yours, etc.
*ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF THE HEBREW GYMNASIUM JERUSALEM*
Jerusalem, February 8.

# Jerusalem's New American Colony

By WERNER LOEBL
Special to The POST

THE American-Canadian Housing Project in Jerusalem, for which the ground-breaking ceremony will take place this afternoon, had its beginning one long winter evening four years ago, when three immigrants sat down in the kitchen of a small apartment in Beit Mazmil to plan their future. One was a Foreign Ministry official from the United States; the second, a geologist from England; and the third, an architect from South Africa. They had one problem in common: how to provide permanent homes for their growing families. All lived in temporary quarters. They had all witnessed the departure of a great number of their "Anglo-Saxon" friends and neighbours, who had returned to their countries of origin, primarily for lack of suitable homes in Israel on terms they could afford to pay.



The idea of a 62-unit American-Canadian Housing Project in Nave Sha'anan seemed little more than a dream then, for there were no mortgage loans in sight, no land, and no organization capable of converting the paper plans into stone and concrete houses. However, by sheer persistence over the years that followed, the present 16-dunam site was secured from the Jewish National Fund on very favourable terms, and some 60 immigrants, most of them highly skilled technical experts and professionals and their families, were organized into a group within the Jerusalem Branch of the Hitahdut Olei America ve-Canada (Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel).

The group began to look around for methods of financing their project. Their aim was to emulate closely the type of mortgage plans prevalent in the U.S. and Canada, where a young couple can buy a $15,000 home with a $1,000 down payment, and pay off the mortgage on the remaining $14,000 over a period of 25-30 years. It was clear that such terms could not be obtained in Israel. It was apparent, too, that the resources of the public institutions concerned with immigration were already so over-taxed by the mass *aliya* from emergency areas, that they could not be expected to help settlers earning relatively high salaries.

### Mortgage Fund

When attempts by the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel to establish a joint mortgage programme with the Hitahdut Olei Britannia and the South African Zionist Federation's office in Israel did not materialize, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel decided, in 1957, to undertake the task by itself. Months of negotiations with various American and Canadian Zionist organizations brought a great deal of sympathy, but no loans, until in the winter of 1958, pledges and investments were secured from individuals and organizations in Canada and the U.S. amounting to slightly more than $100,000, sufficient to provide the basic mortgages for the Jerusalem project.

The Mortgage Fund has since grown to IL500,000, and loans will now be granted to American and Canadian immigrants in all parts of the country, according to strict rules of priority. The mortgages are about equally divided between 25-year and 10-year funds, and both types carry 7½ per cent interest. If the applicant's own financial resources are slim, he may receive a mortgage of up to 75 per cent of the value of the apartment. This is an important principle, since most American immigrants are young and — contrary to popular notions — do not come with large capital. Interest must be paid by the Hitahdut on that part of the Mortgage Fund contributed in the form of investments, while the portion of the Fund which is received as outright gifts will eventually form a permanent revolving fund.

The liberal mortgages are not the only "first" in this *shikun;* the whole concept of the project is new to Jerusalem, in that the future tenants themselves instructed the architects on the details of the dwellings desired.

The final plans are a compromise between the original ideal of a one-family cottage and the economic necessities of greater density per dunam and more families per building. Yet the architects, Messrs. David Resnik and Maurice Segal, succeeded in designing cottage-style terrace apartments by providing every unit with a separate front entrance and a 100-square metre garden, connected to the indoor area by the living-room porch.

The bedrooms are somewhat smaller than is usual in Israel, and the area saved was added to the living-room. A spacious living-room was considered essential for the family's own use and for entertaining. All bathrooms have space for a washing machine, and a door connecting the kitchen with the living room can be included, if so desired, thus shortening the housewife's trips at mealtime.

This is also the first housing development in Jerusalem served by one central heating unit. This central unit supplies all 62 apartments in the project with hot water 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Automatic heating in the winter months is determined by the outside temperature by means of a thermostat. An automatic clock reduces, but does not shut off, the heat after midnight. A central installation of this type is considerably cheaper than having a boiler in each building. It also contains a reserve unit so that the heating and hot water can continue without interruption in case of a breakdown of the main boiler. An additional advantage of this type of central heating is that cheaper oil can be used for fuel.

Special umbrella-like laundry lines will be provided in the garden to avoid unsightly laundry drying on balconies and window sills.

A community playground with appropriate equipment and a shopping centre are envisaged in the area adjoining the development.

The group has organized itself as a Cooperative Society, governed on democratic principles but subject to certain basic rules. For example, the individual apartment owner is not permitted to make changes or additions affecting the outside of his home without the consent of the Society's architects. The individual will also be responsible to the community for the upkeep of his garden.

All buildings face south and will overlook the future "green belt" of Jerusalem. The plans of the J.N.F. and the Municipality for this area include a park, swimming pool, tennis courts, and other recreational facilities. On the north side of the hill, the project's neighbours will be the National Museum, with its extensive gardens and the sculptor collection donated by Billy Rose; the buildings of the Jewish Theological Seminary (another American sponsored institution); and a luxury housing project planned by Rassco, mainly for University personnel. Access to the development will be from both Gaza Road and Ruppin Road.

This is a pilot project which, if successful, will be emulated in Tel Aviv and other cities. Its success will be measured by the extent to which it will help prevent emigration and encourage immigration from the West.

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## Association of Americans and Canadians

The Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel sees as one of its most important projects of the year the construction of the Jerusalem Housing Development. This is the 4th project to be developed under the A.A.C.I. sponsorship — Kfar Haroeh, Holon and Herzliya were forerunners. All of these projects were undertaken because of our understanding that the most important need is a home that is permanent. We have found that in each of the preceding projects the families have remained in Israel. A voluntary aliya that comes out of desire, demands a new approach and the A.A.C.I. is developing this.

The A.A.C.I. was born without the blessings of Zionist Organizations abroad or the Government or the Jewish Agency, but after 9 years it is now the recognized arm of all these bodies. In spite of that recognition, however the development of loan funds and mortgage funds has only been possible through our direct contact with persons abroad and not through the U.J.A. as is the case with England and South Africa.

The Association's activities in Israel for nearly 7,000 members (2,400 families) are not limited to financial matters. Social integration is handled by voluntary committees such as those developed in the States and Canada for new immigrants. These committees are called Welcome Wagon Committees. Retired residents, numbering over 500, and bringing into Israel close to a million dollars a year from their social security payments, are becoming active in social services.

It is expected that the aliya of Americans and Canadians will climb steadily, from the 3% of last year's immigration to Israel, and in view of this it will be necessary to develop larger mortgage programmes and personal services.

The 9th Annual Convention of the Association will take place on March 7 and 8, 1960, at the Z.O.A. House in Tel Aviv. Guest speakers will be the Canadian Ambassador, Miss B.M. Meagher, the American Ambassador, Mr. Ogden Reid, and Mrs. Rachel Ben-Zvi.

# KEEPING POSTED

AN acquaintance bought a ticket for last Wednesday's concert by the Haifa Symphony Orchestra. She did not look at the ticket very closely and therefore failed to notice that the orchestra would play at the Armon cinema, and not at the Ora, where they used to give their concerts. She arrived at the Ora in good time, and presented her ticket to the doorkeeper,

who scowled at the ticket and shrugged his shoulders, which annoyed our acquaintance. Before she could give him a piece of her mind on audience relations he had shown her in. The ticket was one of the expensive ones, giving her a seat well to the front. She took her seat and when she glanced round for her friends she noticed that the audience seemed different from the usual symphony concert types. In Haifa, she wasn't looking for tails and whities, but was surprised to see so many sailors and other tough-looking characters with heavy moustaches and turtle-necked sweaters, sitting with molls in jeans and purple duffle jackets. She was just thinking what a wonderful thing music was, and how wide its appeal had become in this country, when the curtain went up. But instead of Frank Pelleg and the orchestra, there was "Up Periscopes," the Secret Mission of Submarine X 16. She managed to get to the Armon in time, but is still wondering what doormen are there for anyway.

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*IF she had gone instead to the Mann Auditorium for the opening performance of "Figaro's Marriage" by the La Scala singers on Saturday night, she would have discovered that the ushers had an addition to their standard first aid equipment — a package of cough drops to be doled out to opera-lovers who feel a cough coming on. It seems the auditorium has exceptionally sensitive acoustics, and visiting conductors have complained in the past that they cannot hear themselves for coughing in the audience.*

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IF you want to know why it was so hard to get a ticket for last night's performance (seventeen ambassadors and all that), we believe the real reason is that musical indoctrination starts early in this country. A friend reports that his three-year-old son has taken a great fancy to the song "Lola" that has been heard frequently on Kol Yisrael. Some days ago the Army broadcasting station also played the tune, but not a vocal recording. The child was puzzled and then outraged. "Eifo hadoda?"—where is the lady? — he demanded shrilly, and set his parents a problem in explaining Lola's absence from the ether, after he had already learnt to accept the fact that she was not to be found in the little box.

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*A CORRESPONDENT in Mexico City has sent us a copy of a newspaper just called "The News" which has an item called "The Kiddies Korner." This is full of fascinating information, such as*
**HENRY UHTHOFF**, we hope that you get rid of your cold soon.
**MICHAEL WUNTZEL** acted like a gentleman, inviting his parents to the theatre. His parents paid, though.
*The item we like best is*
**DAFNA AMIR, daughter of the United Arabian Republic of Israel's Ambassador in Mexico, was elected the prettiest girl of the week.**

READERS may recall that we went to a small Chinese exhibition in Tel Aviv recently, and were disappointed to find so little that seemed authentically Chinese, and so much that is common to the pictorial attitudes of the Peoples' Democracies, and so has become a bit of a bore. A correspondent who also went to the exhibition does not agree, and writes: "I was impressed with the obvious smallness of the propaganda part of the exhibition ... a gesture of friendship on the part of the Chinese .... to stoop to describe an Israeli child as an 'egg-headed thing' is a really low way to attack... any invitation to friendship between nations today should be encouraged rather than rudely and insensitively trampled upon. I only hope the Chinese will not read your miserable views.

"Trusting that you will be more thoughtfull in future.
Yours, etc.
*M. K."*

Adlai Stevenson was proud to be called an egg-head, Mr. K.

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DEBENTURES AND DEPOSITS IL62,400,000
LOANS IL84,945,000
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